

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 194

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Jackson County High School Lady Blue Devils basketball team upon winning the Class A championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jackson County High School Lady Blue Devils basketball team have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Blue Devils capped an already-stellar season with their recent victory in the Class A championship game, in which they defeated the Union City High School Lady Tornadoes 48-35 at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, marking the eighth state title for Jackson County and commemorating the fortieth anniversary of their first state title; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Head Coach Jim Brown and Assistant Coach Barbara Brown, the Lady Blue Devils ended their season with a 33-3 record; and

WHEREAS, in the championship game, the team started slow, falling behind 12-6 after one quarter, but they began to gain momentum in the second frame, using a 12-2 run to go ahead 18-14 after two free throws by Jackson County junior guard Jaycee Coe; and

WHEREAS, freshman guard McKenzie Flynn's running layup with thirty seconds remaining gave Jackson County a 20-16 halftime lead; and

WHEREAS, the number two-ranked Lady Blue Devils matched the top-ranked Lady Tornadoes' physical play from the second quarter on, dominating the second half of the game, and gaining a 14-0 run that essentially secured the 48-35 victory; and

WHEREAS, game highlights included player Jaycee Coe contributing twenty-two points, Brooklyn Apple, Makenzie Hensley, and Kassidy Allen contributing eight points each, and McKenzie Flynn adding two points; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Jackson County Lady Blue Devils basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Jackson County Lady Blue Devils basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Jackson County High School Lady Blue Devils basketball team upon winning the Class A championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.